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- An audit found that for 80 percent of the roughly 13,000 abandoned oil and gas wells in West Virginia, regulators did not know who operated them, or the operator had not agreed to plug the wells or restart them. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency planned to send a team to an abandoned factory in Slinger, Wisconsin, after fumes from tons of toxic chemicals led to the hospitalization of an inspector. – *TMJ 4 Milwaukee* (See item [5](#))
- Thunderstorms flooded Las Vegas streets, stranded Navajo families in Arizona, left two mobile home communities in California deep in water, and caused a dike to fail in a Utah town. – *NBC News* (See item [16](#))
- A new outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* linked to cheese has killed three people and sickened 14 people in 11 States, federal officials said. – *Food Safety News* (See item [21](#))
- The United States said it was taking measures to protect its citizens worldwide after protesters attacked U.S. diplomatic compounds in Libya and Egypt, killing four U.S. officials. – *CNN* (See item [31](#))
- Santa Clara, Utah, was devastated after an earthen dam broke during heavy rains, sending a surge of flood waters into 30 homes and some businesses. – *Examiner.com* (See item [54](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *September 11, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Auditors call on W.Va. regulators to step up abandoned oil, gas well oversight.** West Virginia regulators are not keeping up with the thousands of oil and gas wells that operators abandoned across the State, a new report found. Legislative auditors counted around 13,000 abandoned wells in a study presented to lawmakers September 11. The audit found that for 80 percent of wells, regulators either do not know who operated them, or the operator has not agreed to plug the wells or restart them. The office of oil and gas at the State Department of Environmental Protection is supposed to oversee these wells. Auditors said the office is not requiring operators to act on abandoned wells or inspecting them. The report warns that unchecked wells pose potential environmental or public safety hazards. The agency said 50 of West Virginia's 55 counties have wells, and a number of them are in hard-to-reach locations.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5556e5db910c4faab9f3b074fc80d7ad/WV--Interims-Abandoned-Wells>
2. *September 11, Burlington Hawk Eye* – (Iowa) **Circle K gets maximum penalty for failing to report gas leak.** Circle K paid a \$10,000 fine to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) after an extensive gas leak at the 1012 Maple St. gas station in Burlington, Iowa, went unreported for more than a year. The fine is the maximum penalty, in light of what a DNR environmental specialist described as an instance of "gross negligence." Circle K is remediating the spill by setting up a pump shed to filter between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons of gasoline spread throughout the fractured limestone bedrock in the quarter mile of affected area. The DNR is monitoring the project. A consultant helping Circle K with the cleanup said the gasoline, while deep below soil level, is not spreading, and does not represent a threat to the local water supply. While gasoline is being filtered from groundwater in the affected area, the only nearby private well in any danger of contamination is on the extreme edge of the spill,

and is not being used.

Source: <http://www.thehawkeye.com/story/Circle-K-091112>

3. *September 11, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement* – (Louisiana; National) **BSEE Tropical Storm Isaac activity statistics final update.** Based on data from offshore operator reports submitted September 11, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Hurricane Response Team announced personnel remain evacuated on two production platforms of the 596 manned platforms in the Gulf of Mexico following Hurricane Isaac. Personnel remained evacuated from one rig, equivalent to 1.32 percent of the 76 rigs currently operating in the gulf. From operator reports, it is estimated that approximately 4.16 percent of the current daily oil production in the Gulf of Mexico has been shut-in and approximately 4.73 percent of the current daily natural gas production in the gulf has been shut-in.  
Source: <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/Press-Releases/2012/Press09112012.aspx>
4. *September 10, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. mine officials yank new coal dust rules.** West Virginia officials withdrew two rules addressing what mine operators must do to tamp down explosive coal dust. The September 10 decision follows a letter from a Coal Mine Health and Safety board member raising concerns about their provisions. The rules focus on diluting coal dust with inert crushed rock. Coal dust played a role in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster in 4 decades. Twenty-nine men died in a 2010 explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia. The board health and safety administrator urged the rules' disapproval in his August 30 letter. That stance prompted questions from other board members. But not enough of them appeared September 10 to conduct an emergency meeting on the subject. Mine officials argue that safety enforcement will not suffer while they revisit the proposed standards.  
Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story/19506347/wva-mine-officials-yank-new-coal-dust-rules>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *September 12, TMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **EPA to inspect Slinger factory with tons of chemicals after man hospitalized.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency planned to send a team to an abandoned factory in Slinger, Wisconsin, September 12 after an inspector was hospitalized following the discovery of tons of toxic chemicals. The team was scheduled to head into the former Niphos Coating metal-plating plant to begin cleanup of 27,000 pounds of chemicals found September 11. The Slinger village president said one inspector who went into the building was hospitalized after exposure to vapors. He said his biggest concern is someone with ill intentions might target the building, and noted police are stationed at the building. He does not believe there is a threat to people who live near the site, but the village president told them to be prepared

to evacuate.

Source: <http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/169434506.html>

6. *September 12, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **DHS to adopt existing terrorist screening program for chemical sites.** DHS is developing a new plan for screening people with access to high-risk chemical plants for possible terrorist ties that would allow industry to make use of credentialing programs in which they already participate, agency officials said September 11. The new plan would allow chemical companies to use the existing Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program to satisfy a DHS requirement that those with access to select facilities are screened for links to terrorist groups, the officials said. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Coast Guard currently use the program to screen workers at port facilities and other sensitive areas. DHS pulled its previous screening proposal in July. That plan, under which chemical companies would have been required to submit information about people authorized to enter select facilities that contain toxic chemicals, was languishing at the White House Management and Budget Office since June 2011. The scrapped plan faced strong opposition from industry groups. Obtaining a TWIC credential requires people to “provide biographic and biometric information such as fingerprints, sit for a digital photograph, and successfully pass a security threat assessment conducted by” the TSA, according to the agency Web site. The new plan would be submitted for White House approval and public comment by October, a DHS undersecretary told a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee September 11.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/dhs-adopt-existing-terrorist-screening-program-chemical-sites/>

7. *September 11, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Stolthaven chemical facility responds to spill concerns.** Residents’ who live near the Stolthaven chemical facility in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, will only be allowed back in their homes a few hours per day while officials continue to clean up damage from Hurricane Isaac. As of September 11, Stolthaven said they re-railed 84 of 140 rail cars that flooded off the tracks. About 80 cars had potentially dangerous chemicals in them. Stolthaven said a 10-foot storm surge inundated the plant and caused leaks of one tank each of octene and base oil. Both were kept to containment systems and fully boomed off, said the regional director of the North America Stolthaven Terminals. Octene is a flammable chemical that smells like gasoline. There have been no offsite impacts related to air said the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) communications director. They are waiting on water and soil tests. DEQ records show the facility flooded during past hurricanes. Moving rail cars is part of Stolthaven’s storm plan, but there was not enough time during Isaac, said the firm’s regional director. The railroad removed some cars, “but it was just too many to move all at once,” he said. Even though there are 80 similar facilities in Louisiana, no State or federal agency requires them to have a hurricane evacuation plan to prevent another similar incident from occurring.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/local/stolthavenhistorywithdeq-169387256.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. *September 12, Nuclear Street* – (South Carolina) **Contaminated SRS basin now sealed with 1,700 truckloads of material.** Crews at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, permanently sealed off an underground basin at the site's C Reactor. September 10, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions announced it had finished filling the interconnected chambers of the facility's disassembly basin with 2.8 million gallons of grout. The material will contain the radiation left behind from decades of cutting and storing reactor fuel elements irradiated during Cold War plutonium production. "Over 2 million gallons of water had to be evaporated using special equipment to create the space for the grout," a manager said in a news release. "Due to C Reactor's historical status, the rest of the building will not be filled with grout. Our goal is to safely eliminate a potential source of contamination while fully preserving the historical integrity of the building as a whole."

Source:

[http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2012/09/12/contaminated-srs-basin-now-sealed-with-1\\_2c00\\_700-truck-loads-of-material-091201.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2012/09/12/contaminated-srs-basin-now-sealed-with-1_2c00_700-truck-loads-of-material-091201.aspx)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **1 worker injured in explosion at Va. plant.** A worker was recovering from injuries suffered in a September 11 explosion at the Pemco Corp.'s mining equipment plant in Bluefield, Virginia. The Bluefield Fire Department chief said the worker suffered burns on his hands, face, and chest. He was transported to a hospital. The fire chief said that the damage was limited to an industrial-type oven that exploded. The cause of the explosion had not yet been determined.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2012/09/1-worker-injured-in-explosion-at-va-plant>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Threat shuts part of Pa. Boeing plant for hours.** Part of a Boeing factory outside Philadelphia was evacuated for hours September 11 after a threatening note was found, but a police search turned up nothing suspicious. About 500 employees had to leave the part of the factory where the H-47 Chinook helicopter is made, according to a Boeing spokesman. Police said the note was found in a bathroom. Of the first-shift employees who were forced to leave, some went home, and others were able to work from different parts of the sprawling Ridley Township plant. Throughout the day, police searched the building but found nothing suspicious, the Boeing spokesman said. Second-shift workers returned mid-afternoon

and production resumed. The factory, which also makes the V-22 Osprey, has had a history of trouble.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-09-11/threat-shuts-part-of-pa-dot-boeing-plant-for-hours>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *September 12, IDG News Service* – (International) **EMV flaw allows ‘pre-play’ attacks on chip-enabled payment cards.** Many ATMs and point-of-sale (POS) terminals fail to properly generate random numbers required by the Europay, MasterCard, and Visa (EMV) protocol to securely authenticate transaction requests, according to a team of researchers from the University of Cambridge. The use of defective random number generation algorithms make those payment devices vulnerable to so-called “pre-play” attacks that allow criminals to send fraudulent transaction requests from rogue chip-enabled credit cards, the researchers said in a paper released September 11. The EMV standard requires the use of payment cards with integrated circuits capable of performing specific cryptographic functions. These cards are commonly known as chip-and-PIN cards, EMV cards, or integrated circuit cards. EMV-compliant devices must generate so-called “unpredictable numbers” (UNs) for every transaction request so card issuers can verify the “freshness” of these requests. Older versions of the EMV specification did not provide clear instructions for how these random numbers should be generated and only required that payment devices generate four different consecutive UNs to be compliant. The researchers found weak UN generation in devices that were easy to predict and thus take advantage of for fraudulent transactions.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231200/EMV\\_flaw\\_allows\\_pre\\_play\\_attack\\_s\\_on\\_chip\\_enabled\\_payment\\_cards](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231200/EMV_flaw_allows_pre_play_attack_s_on_chip_enabled_payment_cards)

12. *September 12, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Massachusetts; Rhode Island) **‘Bearded Bandit’ strikes another RI bank.** Police in Barrington, Rhode Island, suspect that the “Bearded Bandit” may be to blame for a robbery at a TD Bank September 11. So far, the FBI has linked the so-called bearded bandit to a bank robbery in Pawtucket August 25. Authorities said the same man was responsible for six other robberies in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island since February.

Source: <http://www2.turto10.com/news/2012/sep/12/bearded-bandit-strikes-another-ri-bank-ar-1168704/>

13. *September 12, CardRatings.com* – (National) **Skimming threatens debit card users, while fraud strikes 1 percent of credit card transactions.** Twice as many credit card fraud cases involve phone or online transactions than retail sales, according to new data from FICO, CardRatings.com reported September 12. However, researchers found that sophisticated counterfeit rings have raised the stakes for merchants over the most recent 20-month survey period. Researchers reported an increase in skimming. ATMs, grocery stores, and automated fuel pumps topped the list of places where criminals use stolen or



cloned debit cards. According to a company spokesman, fraud rings usually test stolen cards with smaller online transactions. In a statement to reporters, he described online tests as a “relatively safe” way for thieves to learn whether victims notice extra purchases on their monthly statements. The theory rings true with researchers at J.D. Power and Associates, where the results of an annual customer satisfaction survey showed that nearly a quarter of reported credit card problems involved fraudulent transactions.

Source: <http://www.thestreet.com/story/11696762/1/skimming-threatens-debit-card-users-while-fraud-strikes-1-percent-of-credit-card-transactions.html>

14. *September 11, Associated Press* – (New York) **White Glove Bandit pleads guilty to NY bank heists.** A man dubbed the “White Glove Bandit” pleaded guilty to a series of armed bank robberies in New York City, the Associated Press reported September 11. He admitted committing four bank robberies on Manhattan’s Lower East Side earlier this year. Authorities said he wore white gloves and dark sunglasses in each holdup, showing what appeared to be a revolver as he demanded money. Authorities said the weapon was actually a cap gun. In all, he stole more than \$32,000.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APaae7c3a9a85c4e55891a2cf0dbd0309d.html>

15. *September 11, Reuters* – (International) **Whistleblower in UBS tax case gets record \$104 mln.** The whistleblower in a breakthrough tax fraud case against Swiss bank UBS AG won a record-setting \$104 million reward from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, a payout that could entice more informants to come forward, Reuters reported September 11. In a case that shook Swiss banking to its core, UBS in 2009 entered into a deferred prosecution agreement and paid \$780 million in fines, penalties, interest, and restitution to settle charges that it helped thousands of wealthy Americans hide billions of dollars in secret Swiss accounts. U.S. authorities are still investigating other Swiss banks. The whistleblower knew the inner workings of UBS and spilled many secrets about his former employer’s dealings with U.S. clients. But he was jailed after the government said that he withheld other information and he spent 30 months in prison. He is scheduled to be freed from home confinement in late November and is continuing to help government tax authorities with their investigations, said his lawyers.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/11/usa-tax-birkenfeld-idUSL1E8KB6DN20120911>

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *September 12, NBC News* – (West) **Storms flood parts of Vegas, Navajo land, Calif. desert communities, Utah town.** Thunderstorms flooded Las Vegas streets, stranded Navajo families in northern Arizona, left two mobile home communities in Southern California deep in water, and caused a dike to fail in a Utah town, NBC News reported September 12. In the Las Vegas area, the September 11 storms delayed flights, snarled traffic, and prompted helicopter rescues of stranded motorists. A golf course worker

was reported missing and a search for the man resumed September 12, KSNV 3 Las Vegas reported. In southeast Las Vegas, authorities urged residents of about 45 homes damaged by flooding to leave in case electrical fires were sparked. Dozens of cars were swamped by water up to their headlights in a parking lot outside the Thomas & Mack sports arena at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In California's Coachella Valley, a thunderstorm September 11 dropped more than the average annual rainfall there in one night alone in desert towns 150 miles southeast of Los Angeles. In Thermal, the downpour flooded the Desert Mobile Home Park better known as Duroville, a community of mostly migrant workers with about 1,500 people, including 900 children. Between 60 and 80 people had evacuated from the park and were spending the night at a high school. On the Navajo Nation reservation in northeastern Arizona, many of Tuba City's roads were underwater and residents were stuck in their homes. State Route 264, one of two main arteries in and out of town, was closed after a bridge washed out about a mile outside of the community, the Tuba City Chapter manager said.

Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13827625-storms-flood-parts-of-vegas-navajo-land-calif-desert-communities-utah-town?lite>

17. *September 11, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Cement truck accident shut down I-45 for hours.** An accident that involved a cement truck shut down all of southbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway for hours and caused major traffic in the area, KTRK 13 Houston reported September 11. The accident happened near Monroe, Texas. An eyewitness said a tire on the truck blew, causing the driver to lose control. The accident caused a fuel and cement spill all over the roadway. All southbound lanes were closed for more than 3 hours as crews cleaned up the mess.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=resources/traffic&id=8805953>

18. *September 11, Associated Press* – (National) **American and Southwest flight reservations crash briefly.** American Airlines and Southwest Airlines said that customers encountered problems booking flights September 11 because of a glitch in their reservations systems. Both airlines said the problem was fixed quickly, and they blamed it on Sabre Holding Corp., which provides reservations-systems technology to airlines. Sabre confirmed the incident occurred. An American Airlines spokesman said the outage lasted about 45 minutes.

Source: [http://seattletimes.com/html/travel/2019126512\\_webflightbookings11.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/travel/2019126512_webflightbookings11.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *September 12, Agriculture.com* – (National) **Corn takes a USDA hit.** U.S. farmers will raise slightly less corn than previously expected and a little less soybeans in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) September 12. In its September Crop Production Report, the USDA dropped the U.S. corn yield from 123.4 bushels per acre in August to 122.8 bushels per acre. U.S. 2012-13 corn production is estimated at 10.72 billion bushels vs. the average analysts' estimate of 10.403 billion bushels and the USDA's previous estimate of 10.779 billion. For soybeans, the USDA estimates a 2012-13 yield of 35.3 bushels per acre vs. the average analysts estimate of 35.5 bu./acre and the USDA's previous estimate of 36.1. The U.S. 2012-13 soybean production estimate is pegged at 2.634 billion bushels vs. the average trade estimate of 2.638 billion bushels and the USDA's previous estimate of 2.692 billion. On 2012-13 U.S. harvested acres, the USDA left those estimates unchanged from a month ago. U.S. corn harvested acreage is pegged at 87.4 million acres and U.S. soybean acreage at 74.6 million.  
Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/cn-takes-a-usda-hit\\_2-ar26314](http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/cn-takes-a-usda-hit_2-ar26314)
20. *September 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Winery worker dies after ammonia exposure.** Officials said a worker at a central California winery died after being exposed to ammonia. A Sanger police spokeswoman said the man was one of six workers exposed September 11 at a winery operated by Gibson Wine Co. She said the other workers tried to rescue the man but were unable to get to him because of the fumes. The other employees were treated and released. Sanger fire officials, workplace safety authorities, and county environmental officials were investigating the case.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/11/4810893/winery-worker-dies-after-ammonia.html>
21. *September 12, Food Safety News* – (National) **Three deaths counted in Listeria outbreak linked to cheese.** A new outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* has killed three people, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said September 11. The deaths are being blamed on cheese imported from Italy. According to CDC, 14 persons were infected with the outbreak strain in 11 States and the District of Columbia. All have been hospitalized. CDC said Listeriosis contributed to at least one death. The CDC report on the outbreak came 24 hours after Long Island-based Forever Cheese recalled one of its imported cheese brands for possible contamination. The number of ill persons identified in each State is as follows: California (1), Colorado (1), District of Columbia (1), Maryland (3), Minnesota (1), Nebraska (1), New Jersey (1), New Mexico (1), New York (1), Ohio (1), Pennsylvania (1), and Virginia (1). Forever Cheese, an importer of products from Italy, Spain, and Portugal, September 10 recalled the Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand from one specific production date for possible *Listeria* contamination. It also said that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was investigating. Later September 11, Maryland health officials said three people with *Listeria* illnesses were being treated in area hospitals. The cheese was sold to distributors for retailers and restaurants in California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and

Washington between June 20-August 9.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/new-listeria-outbreak-already-figures-in-three-deaths/#.UFCXQ666TIY>

22. *September 12, Food Safety News* – (Virginia) **FDA sends warning letter to sprout grower citing unsanitary facilities.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a warning in August to a Virginia-based sprouts grower after finding the company's facilities unsanitary, Food Safety News reported September 12. After samples taken at Henrys Farm Inc. of Woodford, Virginia, by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* earlier in 2012, FDA conducted its own investigation May 1-4 and 10, also finding *Listeria* in samples of sprouts it collected. These samples included finished product of JJBS and P-Natto brand. FDA issued a warning letter to the company June 5, informing it of the presence of *Listeria* in soy bean and mung bean sprouts. The agency also documented "numerous insanitary conditions and practices that may have contributed directly or indirectly to contamination of your sprouts with pathogens and filth," said FDA in a warning letter August 2. FDA also charged Henrys with misbranding its product, saying the company's sprouts failed to bear a label including the name and place of business of the manufacturer or the net quantity.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/fda-sends-warning-letter-to-sprout-grower-citing-unsanitary-facilities/#.UFCXTa66TIY>
23. *September 12, IDG News Service* – (International) **Domino's Pizza says website hacked.** The Web site of Domino's Pizza India was hacked, but customers' information was not compromised, the local franchisee Jubilant FoodWorks said September 12. Personal information including names, phone numbers, email addresses, passwords, and city details from 37,000 accounts was leaked from Domino's Web site to some blogs and Web sites by a little-known Turkish hacker group, according to various reports earlier the week of September 10. Confirming that there was a security breach, Jubilant FoodWorks said it was limited to the "Wow Club" page on the brand Web site, and the hackers were able to steal some data that was non-commercial in nature. "They had posted the data on few blog sites which we have got blocked now," it added.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231198/Domino\\_s\\_Pizza\\_says\\_website\\_hacked](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231198/Domino_s_Pizza_says_website_hacked)
24. *September 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **3fish, inc. recalls seafood cakes and crab stuffed fish because of possible health risk.** 3fish, inc. of Gastonia, North Carolina, issued a voluntary recall of all seafood cakes and stuffed fish items that contain onions produced by Gills Onions, due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 11. The recalled items were distributed along the east coast in retail stores and repackaged at store level. The products were sold to Harris Teeter, Ingles, MDI (Merchants Distributors Inc), and US Foodservice. The products in question have been quarantined or destroyed at store level or the warehouse level.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm319130.htm>

25. *September 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Breeder’s Choice Pet Food recalls AvoDerm Natural Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Adult Dog Formula because of possible Salmonella health risk.** Breeder’s Choice Pet Food recalled a single manufacturing batch of Breeder’s Choice AvoDerm Natural Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Adult Dog Formula due to possible contamination with Salmonella, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 11. The recall notification was issued based on a single manufacturing batch wherein a sample with the “Best Before” dates of August 28, 29, and 30 had a positive result for salmonella. The AvoDerm Natural Lamb Meal & Brown Rice Adult Dog Formula product was originally manufactured August 29 and distributed August 30 and 31. Salmonella testing was conducted by Silliker, Inc. Breeder’s Choice has taken immediate action to remove the product from all applicable distribution centers and retail customers. Recalled products were distributed to retailers and distributors in the States of California, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, Virginia, and Washington.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm319021.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

26. *September 12, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Second sewage spill reported on Glenwood Avenue.** Sewage spilled from a line on Glenwood Avenue and nearly 637,000 gallons reached a Turkey Creek in Raleigh, North Carolina, officials said September 11. The September 9 overflow appeared to be the result of pipe failure from corrosion and deterioration, utility officials said. With help from a contractor, the city contained the spill within 2 hours. The week of September 3, a similar spill resulted in 89,700 gallons of sewage reaching Turkey Creek during an overflow that took most of a day to contain. City officials said they were working to modernize the utility’s system for tracking trouble spots, and that they have a pipe replacement program to reduce this type of overflow.  
Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/09/12/2334701/second-sewage-spill-reported-on.html>
27. *September 11, Park Rapids Enterprise* – (Minnesota) **Akeley water possibly contaminated.** Akeley, Minnesota residents were told not to drink city water due to possible contamination, the Park Rapids Enterprise reported September 11. A bolt on the lock at the water tower was broken September 10 and until tests were completed by the State Department of Health, residents were advised water should be used only for flushing toilets or watering lawns. The problem was expected to be resolved within 48 hours. “An unknown substance may be in the drinking water supplied by the city due to a recent break-in,” the announcement being distributed throughout the city stated.  
Source: <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/event/article/id/34081/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

28. *September 12, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Man allegedly posing as dentist arrested.** Police arrested an elderly man September 12 for allegedly posing as a dentist and operating an office out of his home without a license, WSVN 7 Miami reported September 12. Authorities also arrested his wife and daughter. Police said they found out about the alleged dentist's office through the Florida Department of Health and a tip they received from a woman whose daughter was horribly disfigured by the purported dentist. Authorities said they are not sure how many patients the subject treated. Police were investigating.  
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21008515223159/man-allegedly-posing-as-dentist-arrested/>
29. *September 12, NBC News* – (National) **West Nile outbreak stresses lab testing limits, delays diagnosis.** A spike in West Nile virus infections in the United States this summer strained the nation's laboratory testing capabilities, creating brief shortages of diagnostic test kits and forcing lab staffers in some States to work extra shifts or rely on temporary hires for help, NBC News reported September 12. The surge of more than 2,000 cases delayed diagnosis of some patients affected by the worst outbreak for the time of year since the mosquito-borne virus was detected in the United States in 1999. And it highlighted gaps in the system used to track and treat illness outbreaks and epidemics, experts said. The shortage of testing kits manufactured by the nation's leading provider, Focus Diagnostics, was caused largely because unanticipated demand outstripped supply, said a spokeswoman for Quest Diagnostics, the commercial lab that runs Focus. The backlog was adding as much as 3 to 5 days to the turnaround times on West Nile virus tests, she said. Nationwide, the outbreak has surged to at least 2,636 cases and 118 deaths, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials said September 11.  
Source: <http://vitals.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/12/13807714-west-nile-outbreak-stresses-lab-testing-limits-delays-diagnosis?lite>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

30. *September 12, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Baltimore County officials promise safety upgrades after student pulls gun on teacher, classmates.** Baltimore County, Maryland officials promised new safety measures September 11 to prevent violence in public schools — including hand-held metal detectors, an increased police presence, and a new administrative security office — after a teacher wrestled a gun from an eighth-grader at Stemmers Run Middle School in Essex 2 weeks after a shooting at nearby Perry Hall High School. The changes, to take effect in the coming weeks, will be folded into a larger “systemic look at what steps the school system can take” to

prevent further acts of violence, said a county executive who pledged the county would “allocate resources in whatever capacity” necessary. Officials also called on parents and guardians to do a better job of securing weapons at home. A police chief said school resource officers will soon be issued hand-held wands for detecting metal objects when suspicions are raised or potentially dangerous situations arise. And the schools superintendent said the school system will launch a new office of safety and security. An entirely revised crisis plan for the system will also be “rolled out very soon,” addressing a variety of potential school emergencies, the superintendent said. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/baltimore-county-officials-promise-safety-upgrades-after-student-pulls-gun-on-teacher-classmates/2012/09/12/13e3c872-fcd9-11e1-a31e-804fccb658f9\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/baltimore-county-officials-promise-safety-upgrades-after-student-pulls-gun-on-teacher-classmates/2012/09/12/13e3c872-fcd9-11e1-a31e-804fccb658f9_story.html)

31. *September 12, CNN* – (International) **Protesters attack U.S. diplomatic compounds in Egypt, Libya.** The United States said it was taking measures to protect its citizens worldwide after protesters attacked U.S. diplomatic compounds in Libya and Egypt, killing four U.S. officials September 11. In Libya, witnesses said members of a radical Islamist group called Ansar al-Sharia protested near the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi and then clashed with security forces in the city, blocking roads leading to the consulate. The U.S. ambassador to Libya, a Foreign Service information management officer, and two other U.S. personnel were killed in the attack, the State Department said. In Cairo, several men scaled the walls of the U.S. Embassy and tore down its American flag. Police and army personnel formed defensive lines around the embassy in an effort to prevent demonstrators from advancing, but not before the protesters affixed a black flag atop a ladder in the American compound. Embassy officials issued a warning to Americans in Egypt, telling them to avoid the demonstrations which “may gather in front of the U.S. Embassy.” The Secretary of State said that following the events the U.S. government was “working with partner countries around the world to protect our personnel, our missions and American citizens worldwide.” Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/11/world/meast/egypt-us-embassy-protests/index.html>
32. *September 12, NewsOK.com* – (Oklahoma) **Ottawa County man arrested after bomb threats made to school, bank in Miami, OK.** An Ottawa County, Oklahoma man who owed back child support was arrested September 11, accused of calling in a bomb threat to a Miami, Oklahoma school and bank, the police chief said. He was in custody on complaints of misusing a 9-1-1 system, making a terrorist threat, and extortion from a lending institution. The police chief said that about 500 students were evacuated to a nearby church about a block away from the school after police received the bomb threat. While police were searching the high school, Welch State Bank officials reported they received a threat from someone saying in exchange for a large sum of money he would not blow up Miami High School. “We knew the bomb threat was a hoax, but proceeded to search the school with bomb dogs from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Tulsa Police Department,” he said. Law enforcement officers used the bogus bomb threat as a training exercise, he said. Source: <http://newsok.com/ottawa-county-man-arrested-after-bomb-threats-made-to-school-bank-in-miami-ok/article/3708930>



33. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Nashville DA’s office evacuated after receiving threatening letter with white powder.** The office of the Nashville District Attorney General in Nashville, Tennessee, was evacuated September 11 after a suspicious package arrived. A spokeswoman said the office received a threatening letter and a white powder came out of the envelope. “We don’t know the contents of what was in the envelope,” she said. “As soon as it opened, that came out and they contacted authorities.” Law enforcement evacuated the office in downtown Nashville and closed part of a street near the county courthouse. A spokesman for the FBI’s Nashville office said the package would be taken to a State laboratory for analysis. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/nashville-das-office-evacuated-after-receiving-threatening-letter-with-white-powder/2012/09/11/f06863e0-fc6e-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/nashville-das-office-evacuated-after-receiving-threatening-letter-with-white-powder/2012/09/11/f06863e0-fc6e-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb_story.html)
34. *September 10, NewsWorks* – (Delaware) **New Delaware law designed to make public schools safer.** The governor of Delaware signed Senate Bill 233 into law September 10. Also known as the Omnibus School Safety Act (OSSA), the law requires the State Department of Safety and Homeland Security to coordinate with public schools, school districts, and first responders to create safety plans for all schools. “Today, we begin the process of bringing all 219 public schools in our State operating under one common safety protocol, making Delaware the first State in the country to do so,” said the Department of Safety and Homeland Security secretary. The safety plans go beyond just “checking off boxes”, the governor said, but need to be comprehensive and individualized to each school. The OSSA requires schools and districts to create a school safety team to develop a safety plan. Schools must also work with local first responders and conduct one critical incident exercise per year, and a more informal “tabletop” simulation exercise once every 2 years. Source: <http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local//item/44058-new-delaware-law-designed-to-make-public-schools-safer/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

35. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Last of 5 escapees from Pike County Jail captured.** The last of five men who escaped from the Pike County Jail in Missouri September 8 was taken back into custody September 12. The Pike County sheriff said the man was captured in St. Louis County. He said the escapee was caught after someone called police to report a suspicious person at an apartment complex. He and four other men escaped from the jail in Bowling Green after removing a shower head and getting into a service area. Jail officials did not discover the escape until a relative of one of the inmates called the facility September 8. Three other inmates were captured in Oklahoma September 10 and the fourth was also captured September 10 in a rural area near Bowling Green. Source: <http://www.wgem.com/story/19521075/last-of-5-escapees-from-pike-county-jail-captured>



36. *September 12, CBS News* – (Pennsylvania) **Philadelphia blogger charged for threatening Facebook pages.** A Philadelphia blogger faces multiple charges after he allegedly created one Facebook page encouraging the murder of two Philadelphia police officials, and another page supporting two men already accused of killing a police officer, CBS News reported September 12. The district attorney's office said the man faces two counts of criminal solicitation to commit murder, three counts of terroristic threats, and three counts of harassment. One Facebook page called for the murder of a Philadelphia district attorney, while another called for the murder of the president of the Philadelphia police union. Both pages were created just 2 days after the removal of another Facebook page the man created, in support of two men charged with the murder of a Philadelphia police officer. All the pages he created were removed from the Web site.  
Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083\\_162-57510804-504083/philadelphia-blogger-charged-for-threatening-facebook-pages/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-57510804-504083/philadelphia-blogger-charged-for-threatening-facebook-pages/)
37. *September 12, Firehouse.com* – (Ohio) **Fire damages Ohio EMS station, vehicles.** Fire heavily damaged two ambulances and the station where they are kept in Shelby County, Ohio, Firehouse.com reported September 12. A neighbor who heard explosions and glass breaking called 9-1-1, according to WHIO 7 Dayton. No one was injured, and the fire was brought under control quickly, but not before leaving the Houston squad building heavily damaged. One of the ambulances was being housed at a local fire station. EMS officials said there has been no disruption in service to the community. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the county and State fire marshals as well as an agent from the Bureau of Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10778333/fire-damages-ohio-ems-station-vehicles>
38. *September 11, Redlands Daily Facts* – (California) **Devore jail to get security upgrades.** In the aftermath of three inmate escapes at Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center in 3 months, the San Bernardino County, California Board of Supervisors approved funding for security upgrades September 11. The action budgeted \$1.5 million for the work. According to county records, the barbed wire on top of the existing fencing will be replaced with Constantine razor wire along with a mesh surface that cannot be climbed. The 10-foot fence will be stretched to 14 feet in height, and brighter lighting around the perimeter will be installed. The plan is to improve the interior of the security in the housing units by replacing storefront glass with security glass and bar doors.  
Source: [http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci\\_21521615/devore-jail-get-security-upgrades](http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci_21521615/devore-jail-get-security-upgrades)
39. *September 10, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Police badges, guns, jewelry stolen from Alpine home.** Several items were stolen from a home in Alpine, Utah, belonging to the Lone Peak Police Department, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City reported September 10. Among the missing items are several guns and police badges that were contained inside a safe that was taken from the home of a Lone Peak police officer August 28. The burglars fled when they saw the officer outside of the house. A Lone Peak police lieutenant said the safe contained 4-5 rifles, including an AR-15 rifle, a .22 caliber rifle, and a shotgun. The safe also contained knives and 4-5 handguns, including a .40 caliber

pistol, a .357 Magnum, and a .45 “Glock”-type gun.

Source: [http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top\\_stories/story/Police-badges-guns-jewelry-stolen-from-Alpine-home/c4iNu2MHk0-S2fLHNn-Y7A.csp?hpt=ju\\_bn6](http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/Police-badges-guns-jewelry-stolen-from-Alpine-home/c4iNu2MHk0-S2fLHNn-Y7A.csp?hpt=ju_bn6)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

40. *September 12, The H* – (International) **Adobe fixes ColdFusion security vulnerability.** September 11, Adobe released an update for ColdFusion to close a security hole in its rapid Web application development software. The hotfix for ColdFusion addresses a vulnerability (CVE-2012-2048), which the company rates as important, that could be exploited by a remote attacker to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-fixes-ColdFusion-security-vulnerability-1705150.html>
41. *September 11, The Register* – (International) **Zombie PC herders issue commands from Tor hideout.** Security researchers discovered a botnet that uses the Tor anonymizer network to hide its command nodes. The owners of the compromised network of Windows PCs placed their command-and-control server, which uses the common Internet relay chat protocol, as a hidden service inside of the Tor network. This novel approach gives multiple advantages to the zombie PC herders, security firm G-Data explained. Since the server is anonymous, it cannot point towards the botnet owners’ identity. Botnet control traffic is encrypted by Tor, so it cannot be blocked by Intrusion Detection Systems monitors. Blocking Tor traffic in general is problematic because there are legitimate uses for the technology. In addition, Tor servers cannot be taken down easily.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/11/tor\\_controlled\\_botnet/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/11/tor_controlled_botnet/)
42. *September 11, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Microsoft pushes two security patches.** September 11, Microsoft issued security updates to fix at least two vulnerabilities in its software. The fixes are for enterprise components that are not widely installed, meaning Windows home users will likely not have to patch their operating system in September. Microsoft is urging system administrators at organizations to test a soon-to-be mandatory patch (KB2661254) that will change the way Windows handles encryption keys. That patch is in apparent response to the weaknesses exploited by the Flame malware, which used it to successfully spoof the encryption algorithm used by Microsoft’s Remote Desktop and to install itself on Windows PCs.  
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/09/microsoft-pushes-two-security-patches/>
43. *September 11, SecurityNewsDaily* – (International) **Internet Explorer 10 to get Flash fixes after all.** Microsoft is making security fixes for Adobe Flash Player for Windows 8 available before the new operating system’s general availability day. Previously,

Windows 8 users were told a new security patch for Internet Explorer (IE) 10's Flash Player would not be available until October 26, the day Windows 8 is made available to the general public. That left current users of the yet-to-be-officially-released operating system with few alternatives; in a move borrowed from Google Chrome, Microsoft fully integrated Flash into IE10, and the browser can now only be updated by Microsoft, not Adobe.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/technology/technolog/internet-explorer-10-get-flash-fixes-after-all-992369>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *September 12, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **More than 20 displaced by early morning apartment fire.** Several people were injured and more than two dozen in Lexington, Kentucky, were displaced after a fire broke out at an apartment complex September 12. The fire started on a first floor apartment in a bedroom, an official said. First responders said they rescued seven people, including children, from the third floor. Two were treated on the scene for minor burns and smoke inhalation. Lexington fire officials said there were no working smoke detectors inside, and that they found people sleeping in rooms full of smoke.

Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/More-than-20-displaced-by-apartment-blaze-169432076.html?ref=076>

45. *September 12, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **SD salon manager dies trying to protect employee.** Police in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, said a salon manager was killed trying to protect an employee and her two children from an armed boyfriend who was upset about a domestic violence arrest and protection order. The police chief said the victim left the salon September 11 and saw the suspect in the parking lot. She phoned the store from her car to warn her employees, including the suspect's girlfriend. The victim pulled her car up to the door as the suspect stormed over. The two exchanged words then the suspect shot the victim in the head. The suspect tied up the

four employees, including his girlfriend, then allowed them to leave after about 30 minutes. Armed officers stormed the salon and found the suspect dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Woman-killed-outside-of-SD-salon-a-sweetheart-3858214.php>

46. *September 12, Woodland Daily Democrat* – (California) **Suspect dead in Chico following standoff.** A police SWAT team in Chico, California, shot and killed a man suspected of firearm and vehicle theft September 11, during a shootout that ended a day-long standoff at a Tara Terrace apartment. Police tracked the suspect to the apartment and learned of a domestic dispute there later, the Chico police chief said. Chico police were in a high-speed chase with the suspect in a stolen vehicle, but it was called off for the public's safety. The employer of the suspect's wife called police after the woman did not show up to work. Police then locked down the area near the apartment. Negotiators ordered the suspect out of his apartment while SWAT teams assembled and evacuated nearby homes. They helped the suspect's wife and other residents safely escape. Police blocked traffic through the day and night around the apartment complex. The complex has 42 units, the apartment manager said.  
Source: [http://www.dailydemocrat.com/ci\\_21521743/suspect-dead-north-chico-shutout-following-standoff](http://www.dailydemocrat.com/ci_21521743/suspect-dead-north-chico-shutout-following-standoff)
47. *September 12, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Menger evacuated amid bomb scare.** The Menger Hotel was evacuated and access to Alamo Plaza in San Antonio was restricted for about 2 hours September 12 because of a bomb scare. A police sergeant said Menger management evacuated the hotel after a caller told the front desk a bomb had been planted and said exactly when it would explode. Police sent a bomb squad and K-9 units to inspect the site, but no bomb was found, and the guests were allowed to return to their rooms.  
Source: [http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Menger-evacuated-amid-bomb-scare-3859134.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Menger-evacuated-amid-bomb-scare-3859134.php)
48. *September 12, Canton Repository* – (Ohio) **Fire causes \$350,000 damage to downtown Canton business.** A slow-burning fire that investigators believed smoldered through the night caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to a downtown Canton, Ohio, bar and another estimated \$250,000 to its contents September 11, said a division chief. The Rotary Club of Canton is also located inside the brick building. The Rotary Club sustained about \$8,000 in smoke damage. Firefighters were called to the Sports Therapy Bar & Grill and found smoke inside the building. "The fire was smoldering most of the night," the division chief said, and added that all of the food and the TVs inside the business were destroyed. Firefighters cordoned off about 3 blocks as busy morning traffic was blocked. That stretch of road was blocked for a few hours before firefighters cleared the scene and the road was reopened.  
Source: <http://www.cantonrep.com/news/x1107518336/Firefighters-battling-a-fire-in-downtown-Canton>
49. *September 11, Hawaii New Now* – (Hawaii) **Gas leak prompts Ewa Beach evacuations.** At least 13 businesses at the Ewa Beach, Hawaii, Shopping Center and

several buildings at Ewa Beach Elementary School were evacuated because of a gas leak, Hawaii News Now reported September 11. The Gas Company said the leak happened on Fort Weaver Road near the school. Officials said a 2,000-gallon propane tank was being filled when a pressure release valve malfunctioned, which led to a small amount of gas leaking. About 200 students and staff were evacuated from the school, while 150 patrons and workers were evacuated from the shopping center. Fire officials said there was no ignition, fire, or explosions and that they were on scene to isolate the area while the Gas Company fixed the leak.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/19518028/gas-leak-prompts-ewa-beach-evacuations>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

50. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Northwest; California) **Stubborn wildfires vex crews in Northwest, Calif.** Firefighters battled stubborn blazes that kept residents from homes in Montana, Wyoming, and Washington as authorities worried the weather could worsen the volatile situation, the Associated Press reported September 12. High temperatures, lower humidity, and greater instability increase the potential for fires to grow, said the national predictive services meteorologist for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. Seven homes were destroyed and hundreds of people were evacuated near Casper, Wyoming, where a wildfire burned almost 24 square miles. In western Montana, fire crews were struggling to control a blaze that prompted an evacuation order for 400 houses west of Hamilton. In eastern Washington, a fire that ballooned from 11,000 acres to more than 95 square miles before winds died down was blamed for destroying three homes near Grand Coulee, a fire official said. More than 150 homes were evacuated as the fire burned about 140 miles east of Seattle. About 160 firefighters gathered to help fight the blaze, which covered 1,000 acres. Firefighters got help from the weather in Wyoming, where as many as 750 homes were threatened by the large wildfire near Casper. Some 400 people were evacuated from 150 homes. In central Oregon, smoke settled in the town of Sisters September 11 as crews battled a forest fire on about 4,300 acres southwest of town.

Source: [http://lacrossetribune.com/news/national/stubborn-wildfires-vex-crews-across-the-west/article\\_777f320f-fba7-52c6-b157-a93f380ced81.html](http://lacrossetribune.com/news/national/stubborn-wildfires-vex-crews-across-the-west/article_777f320f-fba7-52c6-b157-a93f380ced81.html)

51. *September 12, Reuters* – (Idaho; Washington) **Officials: Smoke from Idaho wildfire poses health risk.** Smoke from a massive Idaho wildfire posed a health risk to a small mountain town that was the staging area for firefighters battling the blaze, health officials said September 11. Government air monitors showed pollution levels peaked in the hazardous zone September 10 as the Mustang Complex fire, north of Salmon in east-central Idaho, poured thick smoke into a community that has coped with poor air for nearly 7 weeks. “I think we all have to consider it a crisis at this point,” said a program manager for environmental health education and assessment with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest

grew to nearly 300,000 acres September 11. In Washington State, the Canyons Fire, 1 mile west of Wenatchee, merged with the Twin Peaks fire September 11. It burned 1,200 acres and prompted evacuation of 150 homes.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/09/12/officials-smoke-from-idaho-wildfire-poses-health-risk/>

52. *September 11, Reuters* – (California) **Yosemite deer mice being trapped, killed following virus outbreak.** Yosemite National Park in California has begun trapping and killing deer mice whose growing numbers may have helped create the conditions that led to a hantavirus outbreak that has infected eight park visitors and killed three, public health officials said September 11. Yosemite officials in recent weeks have warned 22,000 people who stayed in the park over the summer that they may have been exposed to the rodent-borne lung disease, which kills over a third of those infected. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sounded a worldwide alert and said visitors to the park's Curry Village lodging area between June and August may be at risk. Park officials have closed nearly 100 tent cabins in Curry Village infested with deer mice, which carry the virus. Seven of the eight people confirmed to have been infected are believed to have contracted the virus in the village. Public health officials trapped three times as many deer mice in the park's Tuolumne Meadows the week of September 3 than were caught in a 2008 period, indicating that the deer mice population has grown, said the chief of vector-borne diseases at the State Public Health Department. An infectious disease specialist at the University of California, San Francisco, said the growing deer mice population might help explain the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-usa-hantavirus-yosemitebre88b02p-20120911,0,2650132.story>

53. *September 9, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **State Police arrest five people after shots fired in Blue Hills Reservation in Quincy.** Five men were arrested after allegedly firing a gun in the State-owned Blue Hills Reservation in Quincy September 9, Massachusetts State Police said. After receiving multiple calls of shots fired in the woods off Wampatuck Road, troopers from four State Police barracks responded, including members of the department's community action team, K-9 units and airborne support, a spokesman said in an email. Gunfire could be heard coming from the woods off the Blue Dot Trail, he said. Some troopers formed a perimeter, while others entered the woods and found five men with a 9-milimeter handgun.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2012/09/09/state-police-arrest-five-people-after-shots-fired-blue-hills-reservation-quincy/643q9wpZNOqevXiPM8hGUN/story.html?camp=obnetwork>

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## **Dams Sector**

54. *September 12, Examiner.com* – (Utah) **Utah dam break sends surge of flood water into dozens of homes, businesses.** Santa Clara, Utah, was devastated September 11 after an earthen dam broke during heavy rains, sending a surge of flood waters into 30 homes and some businesses. KSL 5 Salt Lake City reported a breach in a retention



basin dam caused the surge of water. According to the National Weather Service, more than 3 inches of rain fell on the small canyon area of Ivins and the runoff drained into a dry wash, forcing pressure on the dam. A police officer spotted water coming through the dike and residents were evacuated before it broke. The county public works director said water began seeping through the top of the dam and as the earthen face eroded and pressure built up behind it, the breach sliced slowly downward to the rock base as it widened. Officials said the breach in the dam reached 60 to 80 feet wide at its base. The high-risk dam was scheduled to be rebuilt, they said.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/utah-dam-break-sends-surge-of-flood-water-into-dozens-of-homes-businesses>

55. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Medina Lake dam gates shut.** Medina Lake's dam gates in San Antonio were shut the week of September 3 in an effort to delay the reservoir from going dry, according to the Associated Press, September 11. The San Antonio Express-News reported the lake level was at 13 percent capacity and because of evaporation and seepage, would likely keep falling. Closing the dam gates should not drastically affect the flow of the Medina River downstream, which officials say is not directly fed by releases from the dam but by springs and water migrating through porous limestone in the lakebed. Two gates release water into Diversion Lake, a smaller reservoir below Medina Lake that feeds the irrigation district's canal system. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/11/4808677/medina-lake-dam-gates-shut.html>

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